

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
LOK SABHA**

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Act East Policy

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**Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the measures taken by his Ministry to realise the objectives of "Act East Policy" in North-East region;
- (b) the specific measures proposed to be taken in each State including Arunachal Pradesh; and
- (c) the time frame, if any, specified in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(Dr. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c) The Act East Policy (AEP) focuses on the extended neighbourhood in the Asia-Pacific region. AEP provides an interface between India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) region. The policy which was originally conceived as an economic initiative, has gained political, strategic and cultural dimensions. On the domestic front, the Government has taken measures for time bound completion of critical infrastructure projects in the North Eastern Region (NER) relating to road, rail, inland water transport, power, airports and telecom connectivity.